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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
THE MEMBER STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

IPF:(1987-91) $49 700 000

(RLA/87/016)- Improvement of the Hurricane Warning System in the Caribbean

Date of approval by the AC[1/]	20 April 1987
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	World Meteorological Organization(WMO)
Government implementing agency:	National Meteorological Services
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$770 500 Source of funds : IPF
WMO Contribution :	$241 800 Source of funds : VCP
Total UNDP budget:	$770 500

Project background

The countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean are extremely vulnerable to natural disaster, particularly major tropical storms and hurricanes which, over the years, have seriously affected their economies and led to loss of many lives. In the early 1980s, the Governments took the decision to put in place an integrated network of hurricane surveillance radars, flood forecasting and warning dissemination, equipment maintenance service, and training in various aspects of meteorology, with the support of USAID, UNDP, and the Netherlands Government. There is now an urgent need to upgrade the existing radar network which is functioning at a sub-optimal level, and to provide training for the installation, maintenance and operation of the upgraded equipment. To this end the Governments requested UNDP assistance under the present approval.

Description of project

The project is designed to develop and increase the cooperative efforts of the English-speaking Caribbean countries in preparing and disseminating meteorological data on all tropical cyclones that affect the region. Specifically, the functioning of the hurricane warning system will be made more effective with appropriate radar and other telecommunications facilities, and further training.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 18 man-months of personnel including consultants in electronic

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meteorological equipment, meteorological instruments, and telecommunications; training (fellowships and workshops); and meteorological equipment.

Financial data

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Personnel	148 500
Training	60 000
Equipment	556 000
Miscellaneous	6 000
Total	770 500

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